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## OPC Screens John Le Carre Thriller

**OPC EVENT PREVIEW/September 14**

What better way to kick-off the OPC programming season than a film screening? Vice President Jane Ciabattari has arranged for a showing of the recently released film "The Constant Gardener" on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00pm at the Broadway Screening Room. The theater is located at 1619 Broadway at 49th Street on the 5th floor.

"The Constant Gardener," based on a novel by John Le Carre, takes place in a remote area of Northern Kenya, where the region's most dedicated activist, the brilliant and passionate Tessa Quayle (Rachel Weisz), has been found brutally murdered. Tessa's traveling companion, a local doctor, appears to have fled the scene, and the evidence points to a crime of passion.

Haunted by remorse, Tessa's widower, career diplomat Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes), surprises everyone by embarking on a personal odyssey with the intention of clearing his wife's name. He embarks on a crash course to learn about the pharmaceutical industry, whose crimes Tessa was on the verge of uncovering. After journeying across three continents in search of the truth, his eyes are opened to a vast conspiracy.

The film was shot on location in Berlin, London, Nairobi and other parts

of Kenya. Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles ("City of God") states: "There are two equal parts to this movie. On the one hand, it's a political thriller about corporate wrongdoing, malfeasance and manipulation. On the other, it's about the relationship between Justin and Tessa Quayle."

When John Le Carre's novel of the same name was published in 2001, he wrote: "I might have gone for the oil companies...but the multinational pharmaceutical world, once I entered it, got me by the throat and wouldn't let go. Big Pharma, as it is known, offered everything: the hopes and dreams we have of it; its vast, partly realized potential for good; and its pitch-dark underside, sustained by huge wealth, pathological secrecy, corruption and greed."

Seating is limited, so please make sure to call the OPC office at 212-626-9220 for reservations.



## Gaza Dispatch: Anguish and Joy as Israel Withdraws

**FROM THE FIELD**

**By Martin Patience**

KHAN YOUNIS, GAZA—When the world's press corps was decamped in the Jewish settlements in Gaza, I wasn't very far away. Sometimes just yards away.

But in many ways, it felt a world apart.

For the last two weeks, I've been reporting from the Palestinian city of Khan Younis—close to the Gush Katif block of settlements that were evacuated last week—gauging Palestinian reaction to the withdrawal.

While there was anguish and agony for the Jewish settlers, many of their Palestinian "neighbors" were elated when the evacuation began.

Just after sunrise last Wednesday, Salah Abu Wahabi Najar climbed on the roof of his two-storey home, 100 yards from the barbed-wire fence that protects the Jewish settlement of Morag.

The 48-year-old Palestinian was transfixed by Israeli buses moving into the settlement, and then by smoke rising from the red-roofed houses as Jewish settlers began setting fire to tires and clothes in protest against their forced eviction.

But what warmed his heart most was the sight of about twenty settlers scuttling away to hide in the settlement's dozens of greenhouses.

"When I saw the settlers running away from the Israeli Army, it was the greatest feeling of my life," he said. "When you  
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# How U.S. Firms Help China Censor the Internet

By Norman Schorr & Jeremy Main  
*OPC Freedom of the Press Committee*

American hardware and software provided by Microsoft, Cisco and other U.S. companies enable China to censor the Internet. "Without the help of American companies," says Julien Pain of Reporters Without Borders, "China would never be able to block the bloggers."

Pain heads the three-year-old Internet desk at Reporters Without Borders (RWB) in Paris. He recently visited the U.S. to enlist the help of government, business and organizations such as the OPC to stop American companies from working with the Chinese censors.

In a meeting with the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, Pain explained how U.S. technology firms work with the Chinese government to stamp out freedom on the Internet. Microsoft provides the software and Cisco the infrastructure and the firewalls. Having created the blogging tool in the U.S., Microsoft then created the means for censoring blogs in China.

Since there is no free print press in China, the government puts a huge effort into preventing the explosion of free speech that could occur among the country's nearly 100 million Internet users. China employs some 30,000 Internet police and as of last year had

61 Internet offenders behind bars.

A search of the web confirms what Pain reported. Shanghai MSN Network Communications, 50% owned by Microsoft, launched a blog service called MSN Spaces in May. At the same time the Chinese government issued a law requiring anyone who sets up a blog to register. The user of MSN Spaces—and other Internet software provided to China by U.S. companies—finds that the software refuses to accept many sensitive words, names and phrases.

Try to talk about "human rights" or "freedom," mention the "Dalai Lama" or "Tibet" or the "Falun Gong," ask about a "demonstration" or "separatism," and your computer will flash a yellow warning: "This message includes forbidden material. Please delete the prohibited expression." The message won't go through until you do. Sometimes the ban applies only to the subject line; at other times, to the whole message. The list is not consistent. While "demonstration" is banned, "riot" is not, for example. If you try to get around the censor by writing "democracy" or "demo/cracy," the software will catch that too.

While Microsoft and Yahoo provide software to censor the Internet in China, Cisco, Nortel, 3Com and Sun Microsystems provide the hardware. With its

routers and switches, Cisco has set up the core of the Chinese Internet. According to several published sources, Cisco says it simply sells its technology to China, but one whistleblower charges that Cisco designed a router/firewall box specifically for use by the Chinese government. Google reportedly has not agreed to cooperate with China.

The sheer size and potential of the Chinese Internet market—second only to the U.S. market and growing faster—make it so tempting that it is hard to ignore. But the cooperation of U.S. companies with Chinese censors raises ethical questions, and possibly even legal questions. U.S. law prohibits selling equipment to China for use by the police.

When Microsoft and Cisco are asked about the role they play on the Chinese Internet, they reply that wherever they operate they obey the laws of the land. In France and Germany, for example, it is illegal to advertise Nazi paraphernalia on the Internet and American software companies respect that law, as they do the U.S. law against putting child pornography online.

RWB's Pain hopes to get U.S. investors and Congress to put pressure on Microsoft and Cisco to stop cooperating with the Chinese government. RWB at first wrote to the companies, but they never answered. Pain spoke to some investment bankers in Boston and he thinks he got them interested in pressuring the computer companies. He also

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# Middle East—Covering the Coverage

By Al Kaff

"In sanctioning the [1914] capture of lower Iraq and eventually Baghdad and all of Iraq, British policy was never clearly defined nor worked out in advance and the decision to dispatch the expeditionary force was reached with some misgiving....If the end of the war thus found British policy confused, the ensuing months were not fruitful in bringing order to the complexity of interests, aspirations and problems."

—*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1959 edition

May 17

Cyrus Kar, 44, a documentary filmmaker, his Iranian cameraman and a taxi driver were arrested in Baghdad by Iraqi security forces and turned over to U.S. military custody. Kar and the cameraman were released July 10, and no charges were filed against them. The taxi driver was still being held at the time of this writing. Kar said he was



Cyrus Kar in 2003

held in solitary confinement in an American military prison more than seven weeks, and his lawyers were not allowed to contact him. Kar, a naturalized American born in Iran, traveled from Los Angeles to Iraq to film archeological sites around Babylon and make a film about the ancient Persian ruler Cyrus the Great. A U.S. Defense Department official said the men were arrested after a search of their taxi turned up 36 washing machine timers, devices that insurgents have used to make improvised explosive devices.

June 28

A novel attributed to Saddam Hussein will not be published in Jordan because the government said it could harm relations with Iraq, Reuters reported. But copies of the novel published earlier in



Cover of 2003 novel by Saddam Hussein

Lebanon and elsewhere and distributed underground sold out in Jordan for the equivalent of \$5 a copy. In London, Hesperus Press turned down an offer to buy the rights for an English translation because the novel "had very little literary value," the publisher said. The plot of "Get Out, Damned One" revolves around an army of Zionist-Christian infidels who invade an Arab land and topple one of its monumental towers, seemingly a reference to the World Trade Center attack. Hussein's daughter, Raghda Saddam Hussein, said her father finished the novel March 18, 2003, one day before the U.S.-led war on Iraq began. Three earlier novels attributed to Hussein were signed simply by "Its Author." But he asked that the latest book be published under his name, the daughter said.

July 3

At a news conference, Laith Kubba, a spokesman for the Iraqi government, criticized American troops for shooting and killing unarmed Iraqi civilians. He cited the recent deaths of Yasser Salihee, a reporter for Knight-Ridder newspapers, and Muhammad al-Sumaidaie, a cousin of Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations. The U.S. military has said it is investigating both incidents.

July 5

Al Jazeera, the Arab news network, plans to introduce an English-language satellite channel next year. The AP quoted Nigel Parsons, managing director of Al Jazeera International, as saying Americans are curious about its broadcasts and that negative impressions are based on "irrational and erroneous information." Washington and some Middle East rulers have claimed Al Jazeera has glorified and incited violence in Iraq.



Nigel Parsons

July 14

A federal judge in San Diego dismissed a lawsuit against the AP and reporter Seth Hettina that charged violation of privacy and copyright laws by publishing photographs that appeared to show U.S. Navy SEALs mistreating Iraqi prisoners. The AP distributed the photos after Hettina found them on a website, where they had been posted by the wife

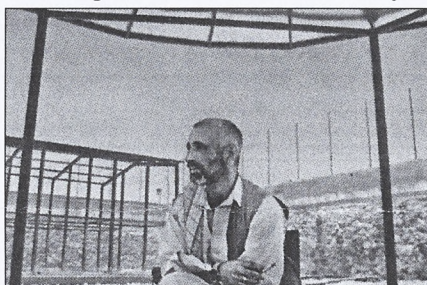
of one of the soldiers (February *Bulletin*). The suit was filed last December by six SEALs and two of their wives.

July 18

The Reuters Foundation is turning a grassroots Iraqi news website into that nation's first independent commercial news service. The website first operated with 30 stringers, helped by three independent Iraqi newspapers and feeds from Reuters Arabic-language service. The new site, [www.aswataliraq.info](http://www.aswataliraq.info), will be managed and staffed by Iraqi journalists in Baghdad and each province, feeding breaking news to Iraqi and foreign news outlets. The United Nations provided \$800,000 to set up the new agency.

July 19

Edward Caraballo, 43, an independent filmmaker from New York City who has been imprisoned in Kabul since last year



Edward Caraballo at a Kabul prison

on an eight-year sentence, told *New York Times* correspondent Carlotta Gall: "I feel abandoned by my own government." *The Times* said neither the U.S. government nor any professional organization has taken up his case. Caraballo, a four-time Emmy award winner, was in Afghanistan shooting a documentary on the hunt for terrorists by two Americans. The three men were arrested and convicted of running a private jail and torturing hostages (September 2004 *Bulletin*).

July 27

Mohammad Hashim Qadeer, a prime suspect in the 2002 kidnapping and murder of *Wall Street Journal* correspondent Daniel Pearl, was arrested by Pakistani intelligence agents in eastern Pakistan. Qadeer is accused of arranging for Pearl to meet Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, who told Pearl that he could set up an interview with an Islamic cleric linked to shoe bomber Richard Reid. Reuters quoted a police official in August saying that Qadeer confessed to a role in the Pearl case, but the official did not say what that

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# Peter Jennings's Middle East Passion: 'A Beat He Covered with Relish'

By Dan Rather

By coincidence, news of Peter Jennings's death reached me in Beirut, a city he made his own when he opened ABC News' bureau there in 1968, and through years of reporting on the Middle East that was some of the best of its time, or any other. A memory came drifting through the years, of an evening in the late seventies at Beirut's old Commodore Hotel, then the watering hole of choice for reporters covering Lebanon's civil war. It was after filing time and Peter had just bought a round when a younger correspondent approached the table with a sheepish smile. He wanted to thank him, and to apologize for not having the resources to reciprocate. Peter told him that he was more than welcome, and then added, in a lower voice, "If you like, I could buy another round and—if you

don't tell anyone—we could say that it was from you."

That was vintage Peter: savvy, generous, eager to help and to do so without taking the credit.

Or to take another, more recent example of Peter's grace, one to which this writer feels a substantial debt: a discussion panel in which the participants were Peter, Tom Brokaw and myself. The moderator's questions had turned to a topic I was not at liberty to discuss. Answers came to mind but could not be voiced, a frustrating situation, to say the least. Peter, with no need to touch the subject with a ten-foot pole, spoke up in my defense, offering some of the answers I would have liked to have given but could not. Through the years, whenever I got into something controversial—from just plain bad press to times when I made

an outright dumb-ass mistake (there have been so many)—Peter was among the first to call.

This same generosity, coupled with a surmounting curiosity about the world, could be seen in abundance in Peter's reporting—particularly in his determined efforts to bring knowledge of the Middle East to an American audience. It was a beat he covered with relish, with a knowledge base and contacts that were the envy of other journalists.

In the news, competition is not a zero-sum game—we all benefited from Peter's drive. It prodded many of us to improve our reporting on the Middle East, its conflicts and their root causes. When its ferment reached our shores on 9/11, we heard the widespread lament that we did not better understand this region—and saw a scramble to rectify this. But how much more impoverished our understanding would have been, how much shakier its foundation, without the focus Peter brought to bear in Beirut and at the anchor desk.

Peter's urge to look beyond our borders, to survey the far horizon, was both prescient and wise. And his was a necessary voice of conscience amid an industry-wide impulse to cut back on international news. Now it is up to all of us in the journalistic craft to preserve one of the most important parts of his legacy: a commitment to open American eyes to the world, to keep them open, and to share what we have seen.

New voices will come along—something Peter and Tom Brokaw and this reporter never doubted, despite all the "last of the network anchors" talk that we all thought to be overblown—but Peter's is one that is not likely to be replaced.

*Dan Rather is an OPC member. This article originally appeared in the August 22, 2005 edition of New York Magazine.*

## GAZA

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see something you enjoy, you won't forget it."

He said that he intends to fly 38 Palestinian flags from the roof of his house—one flag for every year of Israeli occupation.

Across the southern part of Gaza, I saw groups of Palestinians close to the settlements gathered on mounds of dirt or rooftops, straining to catch a glimpse of the unfolding drama.

As the Israeli army dragged Jewish settlers from their houses, many Palestinians began to savor the idea of returning to their confiscated land and homes in the Gaza settlements.

Hussein Abu Jazzier, 45, hopes to return to his land in the Morag settlement, where he helped to grow oranges and dates as a boy.

"On the morning I wake up and see that there is nothing there, I will take my children and go and see my land," he said.

He keeps the title deeds to his property in a battered brown leather briefcase carefully stored in his modest Khan Younis refugee camp home. He hopes to replant the plot by the end of the year.

But for other Palestinians I spoke to, there was no sense of immediate rejoicing.

Abu Salah, 50, an officer in the Palestinian security forces, lived in his Khan Younis home, yards away from the Neve Dekalim settlement, until it was bulldozed by the Israeli army last year.

He said that he did not watch television last week as he did not want to hear news about the settlements. "Sometimes it burns me to hear about it," said Abu Salah, referring to the cause of his suffering.

For me, the last two weeks have been moving for a different reason.

Seven years ago, I left my native Glasgow to work in the Ein Hashelosh kibbutz for the summer. As I laid irrigation pipes in cotton fields under the unforgiving sun, I could see the city of Khan Younis in the distance.

The experience fueled my interest in the Middle East, and now, in a small way, I feel I have come full circle.

*Martin Patience won the OPC Foundation's Dan Eldon Scholarship in 2004. He has been studying Arabic in Syria and is now reporting from Gaza for USA Today, the Sunday Herald (Glasgow), and The Times of London.*

## Dispatches Welcome

The *Bulletin* welcomes dispatches from members working abroad.

If you would like to contribute, please contact editor Doug Merlino at [dougmerlino@gmail.com](mailto:dougmerlino@gmail.com).





## PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

### AMSTERDAM:

After freelancing in Namibia for two years, OPC member **Martin Boer** has returned to his native Amsterdam to be a stocks reporter for Bloomberg News. In Africa, he placed articles in several publications including *The Economist*, *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal Europe*.

Muhammad Bouyeri, 27, a Dutch citizen of Moroccan descent, was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole in July after admitting in court that he killed Dutch filmmaker and writer **Theo van Gogh** last November, claiming that one of his documentary films offended Islam by criticizing the way the religion treats women (December 2004 *Bulletin*). Van Gogh, 47, a great grand-nephew of painter Vincent van Gogh, was shot at least six times and his throat cut on an Amsterdam street.



**Muhammad Bouyeri**

**BEIJING:** Arrested in China on April 22 (July/August *Bulletin*), **Ching Cheong**, Hong Kong-based correspondent for *The Straits Times* of Singapore, was charged in August with spying for Taiwan. The official New China News Agency said Ching received millions of Hong Kong dollars in exchange for gathering economic, political and military information for Taiwan. OPC member **Keith Bradsher**, *The New York Times* Hong Kong bureau chief, reported: "The arrest comes as the Chinese government released a long list of new regulations limiting foreign investment in the media—in everything from book publishing to movie production."

**DHAKA:** Golam Mahfuz, editor of the daily *Comilla Muktakantha*, was stabbed to death this spring, the fifth journalist murdered in Bangladesh during the past year. In a letter to Bangladeshi President Iajuddin Ahmed, **Kevin McDermott** and **Norman Schorr**, co-chairs of the OPC Freedom of the Press

Committee, wrote: "It is deplorable when criminals target and harm journalists involved in uncovering their actions."

**HONG KONG:** To mark the 60th anniversary of its founding in China, the Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC), based in Hong Kong since 1950, designed a bow tie with a pattern of nautical signal flags on a black background. At the suggestion of OPC and FCC member **Vernon Ram**, a bow tie aficionado who lives in Hong Kong, the bow ties were sent to past FCC presidents. Ram is a freelance writer and broadcaster.

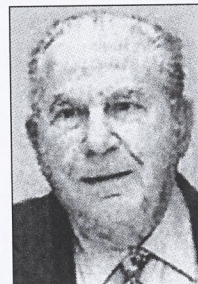
**ITHACA, New York:** Cornell University's Carl A. Kroch Library is micro-filming Vietnam War-era newspapers published in North and South Vietnam before they are recycled to free up storage space. Most of the papers are from 1960-1975 with several dating back to 1951 and others running into the 1980s. The seven newspapers from Hanoi include *Tien Phong* and *Quan Doi Nhan Dan*. Among the dailies from Saigon are *Nang Theop*, *Viet-Chien*, *Cong Ly* and *Sinh Vien*. Carole Atkinson, an assistant in the



**Carole Atkinson, left, and Yen Bui, Vietnamese material cataloger.**

library's Asia Collections section, said Cornell holds the largest collection of Vietnamese print material outside Vietnam.

As with many octogenarians, history attracts **Dan Morris**. This spring OPC member Morris, 83, presented a paper on the 19th century Erie Canal to the Canadian Society for Civil Engineers in Toronto and wrote an analysis of the World War II Okinawa battle for the daily *Ithaca Journal*. He also joined the annual 4th of July two-hour cruise off Charleston, Massachusetts, of the *USS Constitution*—otherwise known as "Old Ironsides"—the world's oldest commissioned warship, which has been in active service since its 1797 launch.



**Dan Morris**

**KHARTOUM:** Reporters and a U.S. official were pushed around when U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met President Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir of Sudan in July. **James Wilkinson**, Rice's communications director, tried to join the meeting, and Sudanese security officers shoved him against a wall. After the meeting, reporters and photographers were allowed in the room to take pictures, but, over State Department objections, were told not to ask questions. But **Andrea Mitchell** of NBC News shouted a question at the president: "Why should Americans believe your promises" regarding Darfur when "your government is still supporting the militia?" Two Sudanese security guards grabbed her from behind and dragged her from the room. Guards tried to rip a microphone from an American reporter, and other journalists and a camera crew were



**Andrea Mitchell, right, with a State Department official after Sudanese guards dragged her from a room.**

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## PEOPLE

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pushed from the room. Rice said she was "outraged" and demanded an official apology, which the Sudanese foreign minister delivered by telephone about an hour later.

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Khalid Jafri was sentenced to one year in prison in July after writing a book that helped bring down former Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim. The book accused Anwar of treason and sexual misconduct. Three months after the book was published in 1998, Anwar was fired from the government and spent nearly six years in jail. After his release, he sued the author for publishing what he called trumped-up charges of corruption and sodomy, and won the case this year. The author of "50 Reasons Why Anwar Can Not Be Prime Minister" then was sentenced to jail on charges of publishing false news.

**MAKHACHKALA, Russia:** Magomed-Zagid Varisov, a political analyst who wrote for the weekly *Novoye Delov*, was assassinated on June 28 in Makhachkala, capital of the Russian republic of Dagestan in the North Caucasus. Shariat in Dagestan, an Islamic militant group, said it killed the journalist, accusing him of being a Kremlin lackey. In a statement, the group said: "With Allah's permission, we have destroyed this scum, giving him finally a taste of the reality of our words and death."

**MANILA:** In a letter to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, John Langone and Norman Schorr of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee wrote in July: "The recent assassination of radio commentator Rolando 'Dodong' Morales and the attempts to kill two other journalists are further evidence that a culture of violence against media people still flourishes in the Philippines." While driving home in Mindanao, Morales, who had commented against drug traffic, was shot at least 15 times by eight assailants on four motorcycles.

**McLEAN, Virginia:** OPC member Rachael Bail's latest play, "Return to Vietnam," was performed this summer in Alden Theatre. The two-act play tells the story of a young Vietnamese woman who is pregnant with the child of a U.S. spot-



Rachael Bail and actress Iliana Inocencio

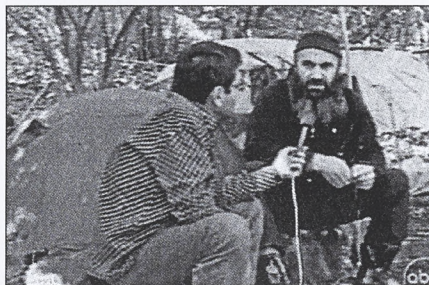
ter pilot. Denied access to American evacuation helicopters when Saigon fell to North Vietnamese troops, she marries a Vietnamese general and raises the child as his. Years later, the former pilot returns to Vietnam to open branches of a New York bank. He discovers that he is the father of an adult daughter who hates Americans for what they did to her country and people.

**MEADOWBROOK, Pennsylvania:** A nephew of Ed Cunningham, for whom the OPC award for best magazine reporting from abroad is named, wants to hear from anyone who knew Ed or can share information or anecdotes about him. Cunningham, who died in 1984, was a reporter for the U.S. Army's *Yank* magazine during World War II. Contact his nephew, Dick McAdams, at [rmcadams@etcusa.com](mailto:rmcadams@etcusa.com) or at his home, 1260 George Road, Meadowbrook, PA 19046.

**MONTREAL:** In an e-mail to OPC Executive Director Sonya K. Fry, Carmelle Mayer wrote on behalf of herself and the four Mayer children: "Just a few words to thank you and let you know how much we all appreciated your homage to [my husband] Lambert" in the February *Bulletin*. Lambert Mayer, Quebec's former director of communications in New York City, died last year, and Sonya praised his help in arranging the 1996 reception for OPC members in Hotel Scribe, Paris headquarters for World War II correspondents.

**MOSCOW:** Russia's Foreign Ministry announced in August it will not renew permission for ABC-TV correspondents to operate in the country once their accreditations expire. The Ministry said the network's interview with Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev was a "clear fact supporting the propaganda of terrorism" and "resounded with direct calls for violence against Russian citizens." The interview was conducted

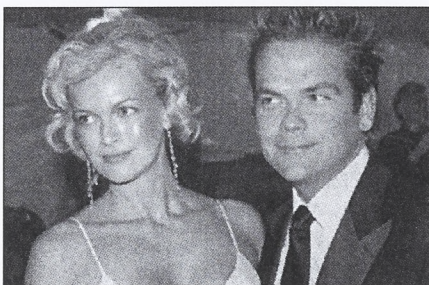
by Andrei Babitsky, a Russian who works for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and who offered the interview to ABC on his own initiative. Regretting the expulsion and defending the interview, ABC News President David Westin said, "The Russian people have suffered greatly at the hands of Chechen terrorists. No civilized people can condone the murder of innocent civilians." It was the first time Russia has expelled a foreign news organization since the collapse of the Soviet Union.



Andrei Babitsky interviews Shamil Basayev

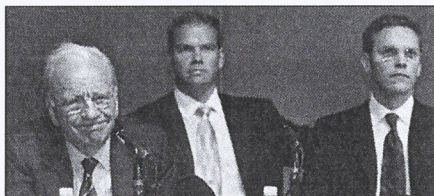
**NEW YORK:** OPC member Linda Goetz Holmes, a Pacific War historian, moderated a news conference and panel discussion in June just before panel members presented the United Nations with a petition, signed by nearly 42 million people, opposing Japan's bid for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. Japan should be denied a seat until it apologizes for its World War II behavior and pays compensation to its victims, the petition stated. The panel included representatives of American, Chinese, Korean and Dutch groups that spearheaded the global petition and was covered by the AP and several Asian news organizations.

When Lachlan Murdoch resigned from News Corp.'s U.S. executive posts, *The New York Times* commented: "The abruptness of his departure suggested a palace intrigue of the kind that some of the News Corp.'s media holdings—like *The Sun* in London or the *New York Post* or the Fox News Channel—would follow with great relish." In July, Lachlan, 33,



Lachlan Murdoch and his wife, Sarah O'Hare

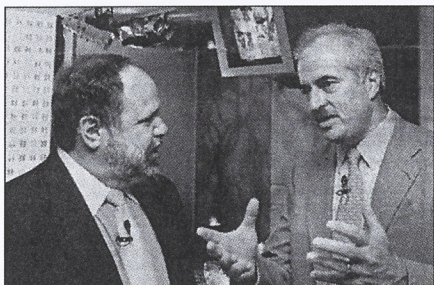




(L-R) Rupert, Lachlan and James Murdoch

quit as News Corp.'s deputy chief operating officer and head of 33 Fox TV stations, the *New York Post* and HarperCollins Publishing to return to Australia with his wife, model Sarah O'Hare, and their son. *The Daily News* said Lachlan was frustrated because his father, **Rupert Murdoch**, 74 "wasn't handing him more control." News Corp. denied any family feud and said Lachlan will remain as a News Corp. director. Rupert said in a statement, "I am particularly saddened by my son's decision, and thank him for his terrific contribution to the company." Lachlan's departure leaves only one of Rupert's four adult children, **James**, 32, who runs British Sky Broadcasting, in a News Corp. executive post. *Newsweek* wrote: "All along, Rupert has intended for one of his children to take over after he departs—although he has pledged to stay put until he dies....News Corp.'s reins will be handed off to James." Rupert, publisher of the *New York Post* from 1976-1986, announced on Aug. 2 that he again will become the paper's publisher.

CBS News is adding a new blog, "Public Eye," to its website. The blog, written by Vaughn Ververs, will invite public criticism of its news reports and search for answers from the newsroom. **Larry S. Kramer**, who runs CBS' Internet unit, told "CJR Daily": "We're asking [Ververs] to go out and find out what the public is saying about our coverage, and what others are saying....He'll be like the moderator on 'Crossfire'....He won't be a columnist who's asked his own opinion. His job isn't to give us his opinion. His job is to get the intelligent



Larry S. Kramer, left, and CBS News President Andrew Heyward.

discussion on the outside world exposed to CBS, and have CBS react to it, and let people on the outside throw out their criticism of what we're doing. So he's meant to moderate that discussion."

A U.S. federal appeals court ruled in July that a libel suit involving columns written by **Nicholas Kristof** could proceed against *The New York Times*. By a vote of 2-1, the appeals court reversed a district judge's ruling that dismissed the case last November. The suit was filed two years ago by Steven J. Hatfill, a bio-terrorism expert, who charged that Kristof's reports implicated him in the 2001 unsolved anthrax attacks that killed five people. The district judge dismissed the case, ruling that Kristof's columns were directed primarily against the FBI and did not accuse Hatfill, but the appeal judges held that a "reasonable reader" would conclude that Hatfill was responsible for the anthrax attacks. Kristof, an OPC member, has been dismissed as a defendant in the case against *The Times*.

**William E. Schmidt**, a *New York Times* correspondent in London from 1991-1995, and **Michele McNally**, the paper's director of photography, were promoted to assistant managing editors in July. Schmidt advanced from associate managing editor for resources and planning. McNally has been a judge in the OPC's annual awards competition. Since she became photo director last year, *The Times* won the OPC's Robert Capa Award.

The 67th annual Maria Moors Cabot Prizes for contributing to inter-American understanding will be awarded in October by Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism to **Miriam Leita**, columnist and reporter for Brazil's *O Globo* newspaper; **Tim Padgett**, *Time's* Miami and Latin America bureau chief; **Mabel Rehnfeldt**, investigative reporter for ABC Color in Paraguay; and **S. Lynne Walker**, Mexico City bureau chief for Copley News Service.

The Rev. Billy Graham got a lot of attention on TV, radio and in newspapers before, during and after his New York City crusade this summer. The 86-year-old evangelist learned early on how to woo the press. In December 1952, during the Korean War, Graham visited U.S. troops near the frontlines. When he returned home, he wrote a personal letter

to each correspondent who covered the visit, thanking him for the coverage. But Graham committed a serious sin: he misspelled the surname of the Korean War correspondent who now writes the *People* column.

The American Australian Association established a memorial fund this summer in the name of **David Troath**, 60, a former communications engineer with UPI and *Newsweek* who died in May (July/August *Bulletin*). Contributions to the fund will help finance fellowships awarded by the Association to Australians and Americans for advanced study in science, technology and business. (Continued on Page 8)

## Sidney Hillman Foundation 2005 Awards for Social Justice Reporting

The Hillman Foundation announced the winners of the 2005 Sidney Hillman Awards, honoring print and broadcast journalism and non-fiction writing that investigates issues related to social justice and progressive public policy.

This year's winners are:

**Book:** "American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids, and a Nation's Drive to End Welfare" by Jason DeParle (New York: Viking).

**Magazine:** "Our Next Generation," by Sarah Karp, *Chicago Reporter*.

**Newspaper:** "The New Deal," by Peter G. Gosselin, *Los Angeles Times*.

**Photojournalism:** *Los Angeles Times*, for exemplary use of photojournalism in 2004.

**Television:** "Ghosts of Rwanda," Greg Barker, *Frontline/WGBH*.

Award recipients are chosen by a distinguished panel of judges: Hendrik Hertzberg, senior editor of *The New Yorker*; Harold Meyerson, editor at large of the *American Prospect*; Katrina vanden Heuvel, editor of *The Nation*; Susan Meiselas, independent photojournalist; and Walter Mosley, celebrated author and activist.



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ness. Contact the Association at 599 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022 or at [www.americanaustralian.org](http://www.americanaustralian.org).

**OTTAWA:** Michaëlle Jean, a Haitian immigrant and television journalist in Quebec, became governor general of Canada in September. Her appointment by Prime Minister Paul Martin to the largely ceremonial post "was viewed by political commentators and columnists as a shrewd move by Mr. Martin to shore up support among immigrants in Quebec at a time when separatists are regaining support as a result of federal government scandals," *The New York Times* reported.



Michaëlle Jean

**PERPIGNAN, France:** The work of photojournalist **David Burnett**, an OPC member, is being displayed through Sept. 11 in a 60-print show at the annual Visa Pour L'image Photo Festival in Perpignan. Burnett explained his exhibit, titled "Too Close": "The show turns the famous **Robert Capa** dictum ("If your pictures aren't good enough, you aren't close enough") around, and concentrates on pictures with a wider, more contextual view."

**PORT-AU-PRINCE:** The body of **Jacques Roche**, an editor at the daily *Le Matin* and a Radio Métropole talk show host, was found in mid-July in Port-au-Prince, a week after he had been kidnapped. He had been tortured and shot several times. Police said that more than 450 people have been kidnapped in Haiti since March.

**PYONGYANG:** After OPC member **Nicholas Kristof** of *The New York Times* made a reporting trip to North Korea in 1989, the Communist government "banned for life" his return. But the Hermit Kingdom relented, and Kristof, accompanied by *Times* publisher **Arthur Sulzberger Jr.**, returned to Pyongyang this summer. They interviewed senior officials including the vice president, the foreign minister and three-star General Li Chan Bok, who told them: "To defend our sovereignty and our system, we cannot but increase our number

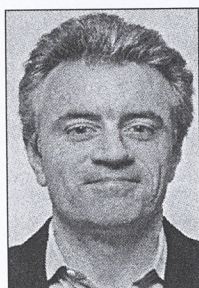
of nuclear weapons as a deterrent force."

Kristof wrote: "I see a glimmer of hope, for in Pyongyang you can feel North Korea changing. Free markets are popping up. Two tightly controlled Internet cafes have opened. Special economic zones seek foreign investment. Casinos lure Chinese gamblers. Cell phones have been introduced, with restrictions. The economy has been rebounding since 2001. Plans are underway for a new Orthodox church."

On a lighter note, he added: "I kept trying to change money. But the airport refused, my hotel refused and shops refused. Foreigners are supposed to pay for everything only in foreign currency and be isolated from the local economy. (Finally, a friendly Korean official—they all were surprisingly friendly, with unexpectedly good senses of humor—gave me a few coins as souvenirs for my children.)"

**TEL AVIV:** **Shlomi Simhi**, who won the OPC Foundation's *Harper's Magazine*/I.F. Stone Memorial Scholarship this year with an essay on the Palestinian presidential election, reported for *The Los Angeles Times* from Tel Aviv this summer. His articles include a report on "Plonter" [Hebrew for "Tangle"], an Israeli play that presents the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from both sides, and a suicide bomb attack in Netanya. Simhi has returned to the University of California at Berkeley to complete his master's degree in journalism.

**TOKYO and HONG KONG:** **Dan Sloan** of Reuters was elected president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan in June's annual elections. Others elected were **Khalid Azhari**, Jordan News Agency, 1st vice president; **Pio D'Emilia**, *Il Manifesto*, 2nd vice president; **Dennis Normile**, *Science*, secretary; **Yoshisuke Inuma**, *The Oriental Economist*, treasurer; and directors, **James Brooke**, *The New York Times*, and **Steven Herman**, Voice of America,



Dan Sloan



Ilaria Maria Sala

both OPC members; **Nobuko Hara**, *The Times* of London, and **Miki Tanikawa**, freelance.

In Hong Kong, the Foreign Correspondents' Club elected Italian **Ilaria Maria Sala**, *Le Monde*, as president. OPC members on the new board are **Jim Laurie**, 1st vice president, and correspondent members **Keith Bradsher**, *The New York Times*; and **Mark Clifford**, the daily *Hong Kong Standard*.

Laurie resigned in January from **Rupert Murdoch's** Asia satellite network, Star Group, after five and a half years, and established his own broadcast consulting firm, Focus Asia Productions. He also teaches broadcast journalism at the University of Hong Kong.

The first dispatches written by a foreign correspondent from Nagasaki, Japan, after the atomic bomb destroyed the city in August 1945 finally have been published. U.S. military censors refused to pass the reports filed by **George Weller** of the now defunct *Chicago Daily News*. The articles were believed lost for 60 years until Weller's son, Massachusetts writer **Anthony Weller**, found the typed carbon copies, browned from age, last summer in his father's old Rome apartment. Japan's *Mainichi Shimbun* bought the Nagasaki dispatches and accompanying photos from Weller's son and published several of them this June in the daily newspaper and on its website. Weller's son hopes to publish all the dispatches, 25,000 words, in a book. General MacArthur's Allied Headquarters banned foreign reporters from visiting Nagasaki during the first weeks after World War II ended, but Weller slipped into the city pretending to be an Army colonel. He had won a 1943 Pulitzer Prize for an article about an emergency appendectomy performed on a submarine by a sailor medic, guided by a medical textbook. Weller never lived to see his Nagasaki reports published. He died in 2002 at age 95.

**UNITED NATIONS:** Four journalists who were awarded 2005 Dag Hammarskjöld Fellowships by the UN Correspondents Association are covering the UN general assembly from September to December. They are **Zerihun Tadesse**, 31, deputy editor-in-chief of *The Reporter*, an Addis Ababa newspaper; **Majdoline Hatoum**, 25, reporter at *The Daily Star* newspaper in Beirut; **Shajna Zareer**, 30, reporter, writer and producer

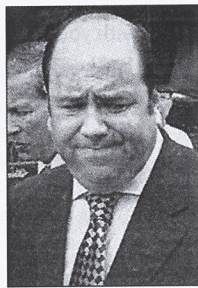


for Television Maldives; and **Tilak Prasad Pokharel**, 27, an assistant reporting coordinator with *The Kathmandu Post*.

**WASHINGTON:** U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Hogan ordered *New York Times* reporter **Judith Miller**, 57, jailed for refusing to disclose the identity of a confidential source. A federal prosecutor wants to know how Miller learned the identity of Valerie Plame, a covert CIA agent outed after her husband, Joseph Wilson IV, published an article critical of the Bush Administration's case for the war in Iraq on the op-ed page of *The New York Times*. Miller, who gathered material for a story about Plame but never wrote the article, was jailed on July 6 in the Alexandria Detention Center in Virginia.



**Judith Miller**

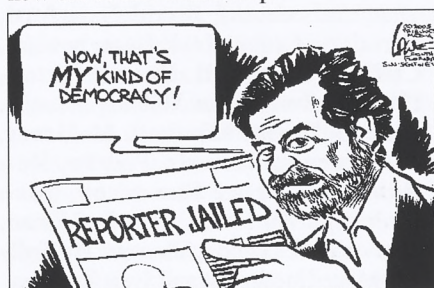


**Matthew Cooper**

**Mathew Cooper** of *Time* also was threatened with jail. But at the last minute the magazine agreed to give his notes to the grand jury, and Cooper agreed to testify after he said his source told him to go ahead. **Robert Novak**, a *Chicago Sun-Times* syndicated columnist who was the first to reveal Plame's identity in 2003, was not charged, and it was speculated that he named his sources to the grand jury.

Miller and *Time's* stands generated praise and criticism:

**Richard B. Stolley**, OPC president, said: "For journalists and media in the United States and around the world, the effect of Miller's sentence will not be just chilling. It will be freezing. Reporters, editors and media executives will inevitably hesitate to pursue sensitive stories and will withdraw into a withering new era of self-censorship."



**Norman Pearlstine**, *Time*, Inc.'s editor-in-chief, and an OPC member, said he concluded that no one, including Time-Warner, *Time*, Inc.'s parent, was above the law. "This was not a decision of anyone but me."

Judith Miller at her sentencing: "If journalists cannot be trusted to guarantee confidentiality, then journalists cannot function and there cannot be a free press. ... Your Honor, in this case I cannot break my word just to stay out of jail."

**Irwin Gratz**, president of the Society of Professional Journalists: "A federal shield law has become essential now that prosecutors appear less constrained about hauling journalists before courts and grand juries."

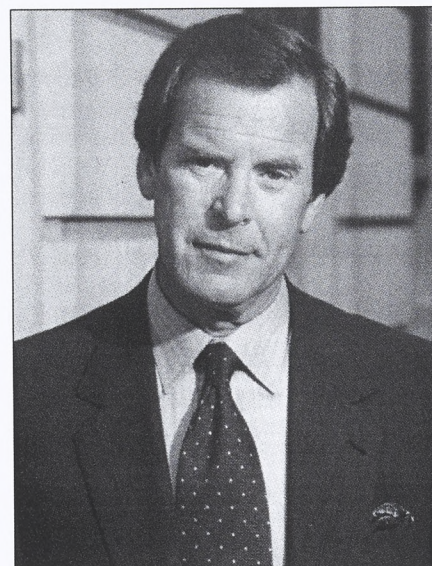
In August, 27 prominent Europeans, including Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar, German Nobel literature laureate Gunter Grass, French philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy, British TV journalist Kate Adie and German filmmaker Wim Wenders, signed a Reporters Without Borders petition urging Miller's release.

"At a time when the most extremist ideas are gaining ground, and when growing numbers of reporters are being killed or taken hostage, arresting a journalist in a democratic country is more than a crime: it's a miscarriage of justice," the petition stated.

The International Women's Media Foundation awards six-month fellowships to women newspaper editors and radio producers in selected countries who cover public health issues. This year's fellowships went to **Hu Yan**, health editor at the weekly *Shanghai Star*, who will spend her fellowship at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and **Halima Balarabe**, a producer at Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria, who will be at KQED in San Francisco.

## WEDDING

**Benjamin Sand**, 34, Voice of America's Islamabad bureau chief, and **Maria Ma**, 37, a marketing vice president for Sony's music division in New York, were married July 4 by a U.S. magistrate judge in New York and then left for a honeymoon in Bali. For the time being they will live apart, he in Islamabad, she in New York. Maria told *The New York Times*: "Some people, even though they live together, they don't really talk. We e-mail everything from news articles to silly haikus we've written to photos."



**Peter Jennings**

## IN MEMORY

When **Peter Jennings** presented the OPC awards at the Club's annual dinner in 1998, he commented on the lack of overseas reporting: "In mainstream journalism, with some exceptions... we are missing one opportunity after the other to connect America with the rest of the world. Sad to say, it's particularly true in television. It's a hard trend to buck at the moment, but some of us go on trying."

Peter did. His global reporting included the Vietnam War, hostages at the Munich Olympics, the Berlin Wall when it was erected and when it came down, the birth of Solidarity and the end of Communism in Poland, Iran hostages, the Iraq War, Guantánamo, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Bosnia, Cambodia, India, Pakistan and Russia. He won several OPC awards: in 1975 for reporting on Vietnam; in 1981 for reporting on the assassination of Anwar Sadat; in 1986 for dispatches from Russia; and in 1995 for reporting on the Hiroshima bombing anniversary. He also won five OPC citations. In an editorial, *The New York Times* described Jennings "as someone who would use his considerable clout to get a news report on the air from some faraway place that Americans had never heard of."

Jennings dropped out of high school when he was 17, but he remained a student all his life. Wherever he traveled, he carried a suitcase filled with books, his colleague **Ted Koppel** reported.

Peter's father, **Charles Jennings**, was the first person to anchor a nightly national news program in Canada and later became head of the Canadian Broadcasting

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Corporation's news division. Born in Toronto, Peter started broadcasting at age 9 with his own Saturday morning Canadian radio show, "Peter's Program." Jennings joined ABC News as a correspondent in 1964 and was the network's anchor and senior editor since 1983. On April 5, he announced that he was suffering from lung cancer. He died August 7 at his New York City home at age 67.

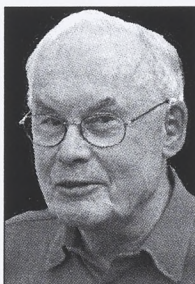
**Ralph D. Gardner Sr.**, 81, an OPC member since 1947, died March 30 in a New York City hospital. In the early 1990s when he was associate editor of the *OPC Bulletin*, Ralph, who was elected vice president of the Club in 1988, became the newsletter's first *People* columnist. He arranged several trips for OPC members to Ireland and was instrumental in setting up a reciprocal agreement with the Stephen's Green Hibernian Club in Dublin "because he just loved the country so much," his widow, **Natalie Jaglom Gardner**, told *People*. His son, **Peter J. Gardner**, also an OPC member, wrote that his father "was so proud of the organization." Ralph started as a copyboy at *The New York Times* in 1942. In 1949, he launched the international edition of *The Times* in Paris and was the paper's bureau manager for Germany and Austria. During World War II, he wrote for *Stars & Stripes*. He resigned from *The Times* in 1955 to open an advertising agency in New York City. He wrote several books, including one on Horatio Alger as an American hero, was a radio broadcaster, and wrote a column for Maturity News Service. Even in illness, he never lost interest in the Club. In the hospital 10 days before his death, Ralph



Ralph D. Gardner

told his son that he had talked on the telephone a number of times with **Sonya K. Fry**, OPC executive director, and wanted very much to meet her.

**William G. Mahoney**, 81, an OPC member since 1957, died July 7. Born in Millbrook, New York, he lived in Grunwald, Germany, at the time of his death. Mahoney was a former Munich and Frankfurt bureau chief for *Stars & Stripes*



and a former reporter for UPI and the Paris edition of *The New York Times*. He joined Radio Free Europe in Munich in 1962 and was named head of its Vienna bureau in 1963. He continued writing after retirement and recently finished a tour guide book, "Welcome to Bavaria." During World War II, Mahoney served with the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

When he was a U.S. Army captain in Paris during World War II, **Morton Yarmon** wrote a history of the battle of Cherbourg and volunteered his services to *The Herald Tribune*. After the war, he worked briefly as an editor at that newspaper. He then returned to the United States and became vice president of Leader Enterprises, which published *The Civil Service Leader*, a newspaper for civil service employees. He took an evening job as a copy editor at *The New York Times*, working there for nine years in the 1940s and 1950s, first on the foreign desk and then as an editor in the women's section. He later worked for the public relations firms Ruder & Finn, became an assistant managing editor of *Parade* and joined the American Jewish Committee in 1963, serving as its chief public relations strategist for 28 years. Yarmon, 89, died Aug. 3 in his New York City home following a stroke.

**Arthur G. Milton**, 94, co-founder of the OPC's *Dateline* magazine and its publisher for 14 years, died May 17 of pneumonia. Retiring after decades on New York City newspapers, he and his wife, journalist **Marie Landis**, who died last year, moved to Sun City, Arizona, in 1980. During 50 years as an OPC member, Milton was elected to several offices including vice president, secretary and

treasurer, and served on several committees including Freedom of Information, House Operations, Awards Dinner and Reunion. He was a trustee of the Edward R. Murrow Foundation. The Club honored him in 1978



Arthur G. Milton

with its distinguished service award.

After serving as an aide and press officer to the commanding general of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division during World War II's Normandy invasion, Battle of the Bulge and liberation of Paris, Milton was an advertising executive at the *New York Daily Mirror*, the *New York Journal American*, the *World Journal Tribune* and the *Long Island Press*. During the 1970s he owned and published the weekly *Levittown Tribune* and published *El Tiempo*, a New York Spanish-language paper. Among his survivors are a daughter, OPC member **Patricia Ann Milton**, an AP correspondent.

The spring edition of -95-, the UPI alumni newsletter, filled 19 of its 20 pages with obituaries of UPI correspondents who died during the past year. Ironically, the newsletter announced its own obituary, saying it "will cease unless somebody is crazy enough to volunteer to handle the copy, the mailing list and the expenses." Editor **Jack Lesar** gave up the job after his wife died and he lost his mobility following complications from a finger operation.

Published under the heading "Last Call," the obituaries were for **Doug Werner**, **Lucian Carr**, **David Alcott**, **Bob Bennyhoff**, **Joan Cook**, **Bert Corvera**, **Bernie Cullen**, **Ruth Frandsen**, **Charlotte Moulton**, **Dick Dew**, **Milton Dolinger**, **Frank Eidge Jr.**, **Michael Ferguson** (son of Bill and Betty Ferguson), **Martin Heerwald**, **Kyle Thompson**, **Carl Kane**, **Vann Kennedy**, **Liz Klaverkamp** (wife of Bob Klaverkamp, who died four months after Liz's death), **David Langford**, **Berndette Lesar** (Jack Lesar's wife), **Clifford Marshall**, **Ilona Marton**, **Harry Culver**, **Knut Wiborg-Jenssen**, **Jack McDavitt**, **Elizabeth McHarry**, **Joe Morgan**, **Kerwin Plevka**, **Don Robinson**, **Bruce Stevenson**, **Joan Sweeney**, **Minh Anthony Dai Tran**, **Maxwell McCrohon**, **Thomas W. Tully Jr.**, **Mike Uptagrafft** and **Ivan Zverina**.



## NEW BOOKS

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that ferried her family to the United States. Mirta tells her story in "Finding Mañana: A Memoir of a Cuban Exodus" [New York: Penguin]. She writes: "That quest became the impetus that led to these pages, the story of my journey—from red-beret wearing Communist pioneer to a soaking wet, filthy refugee stepping onto the docks of Key West, too young and bewildered to fully comprehend the events that had swept me ashore and given me new life."

## EUROPE

**I**N "KREMLIN RISING: Vladimir Putin's Russia and the End of Revolution" [New York: Lisa Drew Books/Scribner], **Peter Baker** and **Susan Glasser** describe what has happened since Vladimir V. Putin became president. The authors, both OPC members, are married and were co-bureau chiefs for *The Washington Post* in Moscow from 2001-2004. A *New York Times* review called the book a "well-written, well-reported, well-organized" review of important events since Putin took office in 1999. The reviewer summarized the authors' view of Putin: "He has, in the name of 'managed democracy,' returned supreme power to the Kremlin, smothered regional autonomy, marginalized the democratic opposition, turned television into a propa-



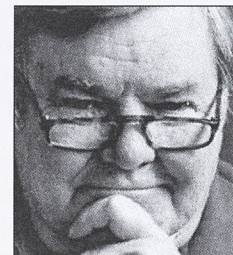
**Susan Glasser and Peter Baker**

ganda tool and defanged the billionaire oligarchs who run Russia's largest companies." Baker and Glasser report that Russia had virtually no AIDS problem under Communism but that 250,000 to 650,000 people may die from the disease each year by 2010. Corruption is rampant, from traffic police who openly solicit bribes to members of the Duma (parliament) who sell their votes to the highest bidder. When Putin took office, Moscow had 2 million square feet of shopping malls. This year, the figure reached 21 million square feet.

## NORTH AMERICA

**R.W. (JOHNNY) APPLE Jr.**, who covered the Vietnam War for *The New York Times* and then traveled the world on assignments for the newspaper, sums up North American cities worth visiting in "Apple's America: The Discriminating Traveler's Guide to 40 Great Cities in the United States and Canada

[New York: North Point Press]. Snippets: In Cleveland, sample the "high wattage" walleye with chive spaetzle at Lola Bistro and check into a hotel that's "luxurious and low-key, with a harpist at afternoon tea." Enjoy Charleston's "jasmine-scented streets and aristocratic houses." Arrive by ship in **Vancouver** because the city



**R.W. Apple Jr.**

"looks its best from the water, with its shiny glass towers rising like Xanadu against a backdrop of indigo peaks." In Portland, Oregon, feast on sesame-crusted deep-fried oysters. In Milwaukee, "They used to say that kitchens were built with three taps, marked hot, cold and Schlitz." Apple praises Houston but calls it "a steaming, hyper-air-conditioned, boom-bust-boom town that oozes across 500 relentlessly flat, bayou-laced, mosquito-plagued square miles."

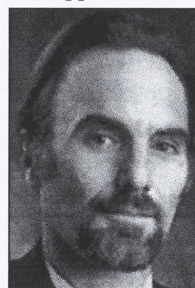
## COVERING THE COVERAGE

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role was. Sheikh was sentenced to death but remains in jail. His appeal has been adjourned 32 times.

### August 2

Steven C. Vincent, 49, a New York freelance journalist who was writing about the rise of conservative Shiite Islam and the corruption of Iraqi police, was kidnapped, bound around the hands with



**Steven C. Vincent** published an op-ed article he wrote, charging that British military forces in the Basra area had turned a blind eye to insurgents infiltrating Basra's police force. Before going to Iraq, Vincent was a freelance art reporter whose articles appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *National Review Online*, *Art + Auction* magazine and other publications. The Committee to Protect Journalists said his death brought to at least 52 the number of journalists who have died covering the Iraq War.

## CHINA INTERNET

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went to Washington hoping to see some movement on the Global Internet Freedom Act, which would spend \$50 million over two years to pay for counter-censorship software and hardware. Rep. Chris Cox of California introduced the bill in 2003 and again this year, but now that he has become chairman of the SEC, it's not clear who will shepherd the bill.

RWB (or RSF, for *Reporters sans Frontières* in French) is focusing on the U.S. rather than Europe to deal with China, Pain said, because Europe lags behind on Internet questions.

China spends more on controlling the Internet than most countries could afford, but every dictator understands he has to control the Internet. Cuba is worse than China in the sense that Cubans are simply not allowed access to the Internet. Only government officials and foreign tourists can log on. Despite the government's

efforts to control web chatter in Iran, people somehow keep talking there.

RWB is preparing a manual to help bloggers get around censorship and remain anonymous. In China you can go to jail for writing a blog, so anonymity is important, but there is no certain safety. It's a cat-and-mouse game.

RWB also puts out several very slick, professional booklets on freedom of the press issues. RWB was established 20 years ago, on the model of Doctors Without Borders, for the purpose of fighting poverty in the Third World. But it soon changed to focus entirely on issues of freedom of the press. It has a budget of about \$4 million raised mostly from sales of photography. It has a staff of 27 in Paris and correspondents all around the world. The Cuba correspondent, as you might expect, is in jail. RWB lobbies in Washington and has a New York representative, OPC member Tala Dowlatabadi, who was at our meeting in New York.



# New Books

## GLOBAL

**S**URGERY LEFT OPC member Jack Casserly in severe pain for five months, and the U.S. Naval Institute, citing a loss of \$700,000 last year, cancelled plans to publish one of his latest books. But those setbacks did not stop him. Casserly arranged for his novels "Caesar's Coin" and "The Triumph at Tiananmen Square" to be designed, printed and sold on the Internet by the American Society of Journalists and Authors. "Caesar's Coin" tells the story of a gold coin as it passes from the time of Julius Caesar to the present. The coin is loved by a Roman centurion, held by an Arab caravan driver, honored by a nun, guarded by great families, desecrated in the U.S. Civil War and the Great Chicago Fire, and purchased by a beautiful Cuban woman, who is a reckless gambler.

Casserly told the *Bulletin* he wrote "The Triumph at Tiananmen Square" as a novel in order to protect his sources in China and elsewhere in Asia and the United States. An INS correspondent who covered the Korean War, Casserly interviewed the 21 American POWs who chose to live in China after the war. The book starts during the Korean War and then moves through 35 years in China. In the preface, he writes: "In the final analysis, the student rebellion [in Tiananmen Square] was the crucial reason why China

has changed to a communist-capitalist society today....The protestors at Tiananmen Square actually triumphed and their nationalism still resonates today."

## AFGHANISTAN

**A**FTER A U.S. MISSILE strike failed to kill Osama Bin Laden in 1998, Pakistan secretly moved him from Afghanistan across the border and hid him in one of its military camps, according to a book by OPC member **Kathy Gannon**. In "I Is for Infidel" [New York: PublicAffairs Books], Gannon writes: "Dozens of four-by-four trucks



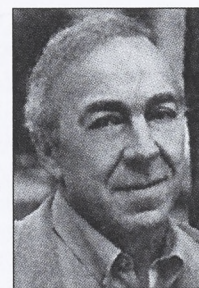
**Kathy Gannon**

reporter Gannon relates her 18 years in Afghanistan. During the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, Gannon trekked over mountains with mujahideen fighting the Soviet Army, and she was the only Western correspondent in Afghanistan during the U.S. invasion.

## AFRICA

**P**HILIP CAPUTO'S knowledge of war and his reporting in Africa contribute to his novel, "Acts of Faith" [New York: Knopf], the story of two Americans who go to Sudan at the height of its civil

war. Caputo, an OPC member and winner of OPC awards as well as the Pulitzer Prize, writes about an aviator who starts a business flying relief shipments into dangerous areas, and a woman evangelical Christian who works



**Philip Caputo**

for a human rights group that buys back slaves captured by Arab raiders. *New York Times* book reviewer **Michiko Kakutani** wrote that the book "will be to the era of the Iraq war what Graham Greene's novel 'The Quiet American' became to the Vietnam era: a parable about American excursions abroad and the dangers of missionary zeal, a Conradian tale about idealism run amok, capitalistic greed sold as paternalistic benevolence, ignorance disguised as compassion."

## CARIBBEAN

**M**ORE THAN 125,000 Cubans fled to Miami in the 1980 Mariel boatlift, including the Ojitos family. The Ojito father became a chauffeur, the mother a factory worker and daughter **Mirta Ojito**, a *New York Times* reporter. Seventeen years, eight months and 10 days after she left Havana at age 16, Mirta was sent back to Cuba to cover Pope John Paul II's 1998 visit. In Havana, she went to her old home to find and thank Mike Howell, a one-armed Vietnam veteran who was captain of the Mañana, the boat

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